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DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the conditional loans/grants sanctioned by the Government under the Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Research Programme during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether any guidelines have been issued to promote research and development projects by small and medium Drug units in the area of bulk drugs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES(KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) The details of conditional loans/grants sanctioned by the Government to pharma industries/ institutions under the Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Research Programme during each of the last three years (2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08) and the current year (2008-09) are given in the Annexure.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The Department has issued guidelines to enable any Indian Pharma Industry which includes small and medium Drug units in the area of bulk drugs to avail conditional loans to promote research and development projects on new drug development and grants-in-aid for clinical trials (Phase-I, II & III) to develop new drugs for neglected diseases of tropical region under Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Research Programme. This programme also provides grants-in-aid to public funded national laboratories, universities / other academic institutions for undertaking industry-institutional collaborative R&D projects and for establishing national facilities on drugs & pharma sector.